

RHODESIA

On behalf of the Canadian Delegation I would like to make a brief explanation of our vote on the resolution which has just been adopted with such a satisfactory degree of unanimity. Had there been a separate vote on a part of the resolution as suggested by the distinguished Representative of the United States, I would not have found it necessary to do so and we would have abstained on that part of the resolution.

The position of the Canadian Government on the deplorable developments in Rhodesia this morning is well known and Canada has already announced certain practical steps it has taken to deal with it. Equally clear is our position on the propriety of certain parts of the resolution passed by the General Assembly on November 5 which have already been referred to by the Representatives of Ireland, Italy, the United States of America and others. On the understanding that the assurances of the Representatives of Algeria and Sierra Leone to the effect that the reservations on these points held by certain delegations applies to all members who have similar reservations, Canada was able to support the resolution we have just adopted.

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